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I understand that your department (FDA) has asked for public comment regarding the labelling of irradiated products as being irradiated. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my opinion on the subject. I want these products always to be labelled and all products that contain irradiated ingredients to be labelled with that information. I am a chemist and am very interested in eating healthful food and feel that I am the best one to decide what foods are best for me based on as much information as possible regarding their source and any chemical and other treatment they were subjected to.

I also think that there is a real potential for contamination by radioactive materials during the treatment. There is also potential for harm to the personnel who will be handling the radioactive sources. There may also be a spoilage problem if food is unknowingly undertreated.

Sincerely

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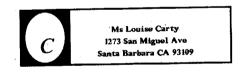
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